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SUBJECT: VOA INTERN PROJECT

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL A EMBASSY EXPLAINED SITUATION TO CHEF DU CABINET, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WHO PERSONALLY ACCOMPANIED EMBOFF TO AIRPORT AND OBTAINED LAST-MINUTE GOCAR AGREEMENT POSTPONE DEPARTURE VOA INTERN PROJECT NOMINEE TOTAMA.

2. EMBASSY TOO REGRETS SUDDENNESS WITH WHICH GOCAR DECISION ON TOTAMA PRESENTED OCTOBER 23 IN SPITE OF REPEATED EXHORTATIONS (REFTELS B AND C) FOR EARLY DECISION TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT PROGRAMMING LEAD TIME IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, GIVEN GOCAR INSISTENCE ON HANDPICKING PARTICIPANT IN PROJECT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY OUR JUDGEMENT IS THAT EMBASSY EFFORTS TO MOVE GOCAR TO SELECT ANOTHER CANDIDATE WOULD LEAD TO MUCH ADDITIONAL DELAY.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE PREFERS PURSUE ALTERNATIVE COURSE PROPOSED REFTEL A. AS GOCAR NOTE AUTHORIZING TOTAMA PARTICIPATION SPECIFIED AS ARRIVAL DATE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 1 REQUEST THAT VOA APPROVE TOTAMA FOR NOVEMBER 3 ARRIVAL AND THAT HE BE ENROLLED IN GEORGETOWN INTENSIVE ENGLISH AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME THEREAFTER.
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